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"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may share life with us." 1 John 1:3

# MARCH 16, 2025

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If any parishioner, a family member, or a loved one are in need of a priest, please call the EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER at 215-375-0460 and leave a detailed message.

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# **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



# **OUR MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Weekdays Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

# THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Tuesdays: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Other times by appointment

# THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made with the priest at least 6 months before the wedding. Attendance at Pre-Marital Classes required.

# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday through Friday-after daily Mass, until 8:00 PM. Saturday -until Vigil Mass.

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

Wednesdays: 8:30 AM in the Chapel

#### **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturdays, following 8:00 AM Mass

## **VISITING THE SICK**

If a family member is sick in the hospital, at home, or in a nursing home and they would like to have a short visit by a member of our Pastoral staff, please call the Parish Office at 215-295-4102.

# **PASTORAL LIFE CENTER**

752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA 19067 215.295.4102, 4103 sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 9 AM - 5 PM No office hours on Saturday or Sunday, except by appointment

#### P.R.E.P. OFFICE

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#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparations for Baptism should begin before your child is born. All expectant parents or parents of newborn children are asked to enroll themselves in our Parish Baptism Preparation class. Information will be shared when parents call to register for Baptism. Our small classes are held in our Pastoral Life Center. Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at 1PM.

# ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The OCIA is a process of welcoming new members into our Catholic faith. It also welcomes baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confession, First Communion or Confirmation. Please contact Lori Miller at 856-905-2624 for more information.



#### Sunday, March 16 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish 9:30 AM Robert Webster, requested by Harriet Webster 11:30 AM Marguerite O'Brien, requested by the Salamone Family

# Monday, March 17: Saint Patrick Happpy St. Patrick's Day

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #7515, requested by the Knight of Columbus #7515

# Tuesday, March 18: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 AM Jane Jacomino, requested by Joe and Pat Mursch

## Wednesday, March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Charles and Teresa Meyrick, requested by the Meyrick Family

# Thursday, March 20: Thursday in Lent

8:00 AM Thomas Tallman, requested by Wayne and Dorie Tallman

#### <u>Friday, March 21: Friday in Lent</u>

8:00 AM Amadio Diamante, requested by his daughter, Lisa

# Saturday, March 22: Saturday in Lent

8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Galgano Family, requested by Maria

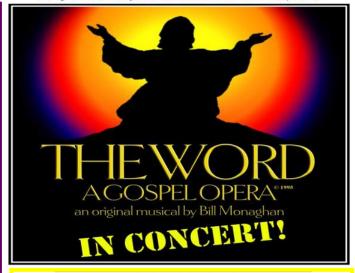
4:00 PM Ron Baker, requested by the Nally Family

## Sunday, March 23 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

9:30 AM Darius F. Thomas, requested by the Thomas Family

11:30 AM Louie and Doris Strzelec, requested by Karen Strzelec



# 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Friday, March 28, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm

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Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church. Join us as we retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary.



# **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

# A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Alvssa Adubato Olivia Andrews Ronald Ardenti Alyssa Belardo-Troy Baby Dylan Baby Lauren Karl Bahmiller Maureen Barrett Edward Bowden, Sr. Charles Buiocchi Joan Cope Ed Cook Dennis DelGrosso Claudia DiBraccio Yolanda DiCicco Christopher Dixon Michael Donahue Jerry Donnell Anna Dubon Grant and Noah Elliot Theresa Land Joni Elliot Daniel Fedejko Roselyn Foulke

Fidencio Francis Cathy Fuller Dee Galloway Don Garner, Sr. Roger Garceau John Guinter Samantha Rose Haggerty Ed Harkanson David Hayes Frank Henniger Zane Helsel Mary Hirsch Mary Ann Holt Ethel Humienny Jim Jones Elliott Jacqueline Kay Joseph P. Kirlin, III Beth Lynch

Michael Martin Butch McCain Ryan McVan Angie Meszaros Connie Moredich Philip Murtaugh Lena O'Brien Eleanor Queppet Anthony Ragolia Magda Rueda Baby Grayson Rustay Albert Spicer Louis Stevens Joseph Stracci Abbie Stross Fryderyk Szkutnik John Toler Alfred J. Tomaselli, III Bridgette Traynor Ignatius Turchi Shelby Wagner Martina Warren David Wood

and all the residents of Yardley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Arden Court and Remington

Carmen Marchesano

John Marcucci



William and Shane (on right) in St. Peter's Square

# OCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation Meet Shane Treiber Our Candidate for Full Reception

Shane's love of travel and his spiritual journey came together on a trip to Rome with his family, which his Mom, Jessica, said was a very special experience for him. While at the Vatican, Shane felt very honored to be asked to read and the experience stayed with him. After attending Mass at St. John's for a while, he, along with his brother William, decided to prepare to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist together. Nancy, Shane's grandmother, is his sponsor on the journey.

A senior at Pennsbury High School, Shane plans on attending college to pursue a degree in Finance/Accounting. He works at his family's restaurant, Original Dominick's Pizza in Washington Crossing, which

was opened by his grandfather in 1974. Surfing is Shane's favorite pastime, finding he can grow closer to God in the natural beauty of the ocean.

His Mom says Shane is caring and that is reflected in his statement as to why he looks forward to joining our parish family – Shane desires to help uplift people in his local community and the Christian community worldwide through sharing the Gospel and charitable acts. Let us pray for Shane, asking God to bless him as he grows in the life of discipleship.

### **OCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation**

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED AT 4 PM MASS NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Hospitality follows in the Church vestibule. Do stop by to greet our candidates: William, Shane, Raeanne and Rachel



Our candidates for initiation at last Sunday's rite

**During this Second Week of Lent,** our candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will prepare to receive from the parish community our precious declaration of belief, the Creed. Continuing an ancient tradition of the Church, we will recite for them this summary of faith - to live by and to pass on to others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COMPLETING SACRAMENTS AS AN ADULT, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: stjohnpa.org OR PICK UP A BLUE OCIA BROCHURE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE OCIA TEAM DIRECTLY THROUGH LORI MILLER AT 856-905-2624.

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# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST SOCIAL CONCERNS

Social Concerns Lenten Collection, benefiting the Reach Out Foundation in Penndel, will take place from March 5th-April 13th. Reach Out offers support for the homeless, and those with addiction and mental health concerns. See flyer in the vestibule for specific items being collected. Donations can be left in marked bins in the Saint Gianna Room.

**Social Concerns Loving Hands Spring Sale**—Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16 after all Masses. Homemade baked goods and other items will be available. Proceeds support our many projects.

**Loving Hands Thank You Luncheon**—Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 PM in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room.

**Social Concerns Meeting**—Wednesday, March 19, at 7PM, in the Social Concerns Meeting Room. Bring your ideas for a Social Concerns fundraiser.

# Saint John the Evangelist Church Collections thank you

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Tenth Sunday in 2025	
Regular Sunday Collection	\$13,321
Parish Giving	<u>6,024</u>
Total	\$19,345
Tenth Sunday in 2024	
Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 8,401
Parish Giving	\$12,737
Total	\$12,737
YTD Sunday Collectio	
(July 1, 2024—March 9, 2025)	\$ 468,914

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Looking for something special to do this lent? Join us **15** minutes before Mass to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community. Help yourself to a Chaplet card at the end of your pew. Let's bring our community closer to Jesus through this powerful prayer.



Join Archbishop Nelson Perez for discussions where he will listen to your hopes, dreams, concerns, and desire for renewal regarding the future of the Church of Philadelphia. Please join him at one of the following locations in Bucks County:

Thursday, March 20

Saint Agnes Sellersville, PA 6:30-8:30 PM **Wednesday, April 2** Our Lady of Grace Penndel, PA 6:30 PM—8:30 PM

To register, please visit www.trustandhope.org



# Take the Survey, Help Saint John's Parish!

The Disciple Maker Index survey, where parishioners throughout the Archdiocese are asked for their responses to questions about their parish and their faith, has returned. We ask all parishioners to take the survey.

To take the DMI survey for Saint John's parish:

- Go online to <a href="https://">https://</a>
   portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x8301x
- OR click on the QR Code (right)
- For those who are more comfortable in completing the survey in a written format, paper surveys will be available in the Parish Office. To request one, please contact sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org or call 215-295-4102.



The DMI Survey will be open and active for responses from March 5 to April 10. Taking the survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes. If you have any questions about the survey or have any difficulties, contact the Parish Office at the above number.



# Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 8:45 am—2:30 pm \$60\* Forgiveness, the Other Side of Love Presented by Sr. Beth Woodward, IHM

Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are the obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored on this conference day. In addition, modern day examples of people who have forgiven will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch.

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For more information or to register, visit our website www.VMbytheSea.com.

\*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before for an additional \$95.

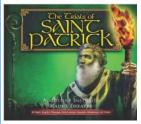


# This Week on Formed Week of March 16, 2025



#### Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



#### The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



## St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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# Holy Trinity-Saint John CYO Track & Field Sign-Ups

Track & Field Sign-ups for the 2025 season are open. Novice, Minor & Cadet Age Groups (4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grades) are \$65.00 per runner and the Sub-Novice Age Group (born in 2016-18 is \$55.00 per runner. To Register go to

https://holytrinity.sportngin.com/register/form/892503945

For more information and to sign up visit our web site at <a href="https://holytrinity.sportngin.com/">https://holytrinity.sportngin.com/</a>.

Any questions regarding Track & Field please contact Doug Bartlett at either 215-295-0279 or TrintTrack@comcast.net.



The Saint John's Knights of Columbus will be at each Mass on the weekends of March 22 and 23 as well as March 29 and 30 to invite parishioners to sign up to donate meals to our Adopt-a-Family program. Please consider giving an Easter food donation to families in our communities who need our support.

Donating parishioners will be asked to drop the food off on the weekends of April 5 and 6 or April 12 and 13.

You can also donate to a family by emailing Jim Coyle at jcoyle5@verizon.net.



Movie

afternoon



Experience God's mercy in a whole new way by watching *Forgiven* with fellow parishioners to learn more about the *Transforming Power of Confession*.

March 23

Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy

April 6

Session 3: The Rite Explained

All sessions will take place in the **Pastoral Life Center** 

from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

March is the Month of Saint Joseph





Blessed Solemnity of Saint Joseph! March 19th

# **Virtue of the Month**

Temperance: Enjoying things in a proper, balanced way

# Family Faith Activity of the Month

Each day ask Saint Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, to help your family to be Holy.

Saint Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, pray for us!

# This Week's Facts of Our Faith

# Q. How long did Christ live on earth?

A. Christ lived on earth about thirty-three years, and led a most holy life in poverty and suffering.

# Q. Why did Christ live so long on earth?

A. Christ lived so long on earth to show us the way to Heaven by His teachings and example.

# To God Be the Glory

Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

# **Fasting**

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was hungry." -Matthew 4:1-4

"Fasting of the body is food for the soul."
-Saint John Chrysostom

# **First Reconciliation**

Please remember our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation this Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

# **A Friendly Reminder**

Our next All PREP Mass is Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am.

# **Attention Children of the Parish**

Dear Children,

As you read last week, Lent is a very special time when we pray, fast, and give alms. Today let's choose one thing to fast from today and do it. Offer that fasting up to Jesus and then color the word "Fasting" to show the joy you brought to Jesus by giving that gift of fasting to Him.



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